

S. 996. An Act to provide for the authorization of appropriations in each fiscal year for arbitration in United States district courts, and for other purposes.

S. 1198. An Act to amend the Immigration and Nationality Act to extend the special immigrant religious worker program, to amend the Illegal Immigration Reform and Immigrant Responsibility Act of 1996 to extend the deadline for designation of an effective date for paperwork changes in the employer sanctions program, and to require the Secretary of State to waive or reduce the fee for application and issuance of a non-immigrant visa for aliens coming to the United States for certain charitable purposes.

¶112.12 LEAVE OF ABSENCE

By unanimous consent, leave of absence was granted—

To Mr. MINGE, for September 30 before 10:55 a.m.;

To Mr. SAXTON, for September 30 until 2:45 p.m.;

To Mr. YOUNG of Florida, for September 30 after 3:30 p.m.;

To Mr. ROTHMAN, for September 30 between 10 a.m. and 1 p.m.;

To Mr. McNULTY, for October 1 after 2:20 p.m.; and

To Mr. WAMP, for October 1 after 1:45 p.m..

And then,

¶112.13 ADJOURNMENT

On motion of Mr. OWENS, pursuant to the special order heretofore agreed to, at 12 o'clock and 13 minutes p.m., the House adjourned until 12:30 p.m. on Monday, October 6, 1997.

¶112.14 REPORTS OF COMMITTEES ON PUBLIC BILLS AND RESOLUTIONS

Under clause 2 of rule XIII, reports of committees were delivered to the Clerk for printing and reference to the proper calendar, as follows:

Mr. STUMP: Committee on Veterans' Affairs. H.R. 2571. A bill to authorize major medical facility projects and major medical facility leases for the Department of Veterans Affairs for fiscal year 1998, and for other purposes (Rept. No. 105-291). Referred to the Committee of the Whole House on the State of the Union.

Mr. STUMP: Committee on Veterans' Affairs. H.R. 1703. A bill to amend title 38, United States Code, to provide for improved and expedited procedures for resolving complaints of unlawful employment discrimination arising within the Department of Veterans Affairs; with amendments (Rept. No. 105-292). Referred to the Committee of the Whole House on the State of the Union.

Mr. STUMP: Committee on Veterans' Affairs. H.R. 2206. A bill to amend title 38, United States Code, to improve programs of the Department of Veterans Affairs for homeless veterans, and for other purposes; with an amendment (Rept. No. 105-293). Referred to the Committee of the Whole House on the State of the Union.

Mr. SMITH of Oregon: Committee on Agriculture. H.R. 1789. A bill to reauthorize the dairy indemnity program (Rept. No. 105-294). Referred to the Committee of the Whole House on the State of the Union.

Mr. SMITH of Oregon: Committee on Agriculture. H.R. 1779. A bill to make a minor adjustment in the exterior boundary of the Devils Backbone Wilderness in the Mark Twain National Forest, MO, to exclude a small parcel of land containing improve-

ments (Rept. No. 105-295 Pt. 1). Referred to the Committee of the Whole House on the State of the Union.

Mr. SMITH of Oregon: Committee on Agriculture. H.R. 2366. A bill to transfer to the Secretary of Agriculture the authority to conduct the census of agriculture, and for other purposes (Rept. No. 105-296 Pt. 1). Ordered to be printed.

¶112.15 TIME LIMITATION OF REFERRED BILL

Pursuant to clause 5 of rule X the following action was taken by the Speaker:

H.R. 1779. Referral to the Committee on Resources extended for a period ending not later than October 2, 1997.

¶112.16 PUBLIC BILLS AND RESOLUTIONS

Under clause 5 of rule X and clause 4 of rule XXII, public bills and resolutions were introduced and severally referred, as follows:

By Mr. COBLE (for himself and Mr. GOODLATTE):

H.R. 2603. A bill to amend title 28, United States Code, with respect to arbitration in U.S. district courts, and for other purposes; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

By Mr. PACKARD (for himself, Mr. GINGRICH, Mr. FAZIO of California, Mr. ARMEY, Mr. LEWIS of Georgia, Mr. WATTS of Oklahoma, Mr. JACKSON, Mr. LIVINGSTON, Mr. BOEHNER, Mr. McKEON, Mr. CUNNINGHAM, Mr. HANSEN, Mr. FLAKE, Mr. HERGER, Mr. CRAPO, Mr. DOOLITTLE, Mr. STUMP, Mr. CANNON, Mr. TRAFICANT, Mr. BONILLA, Mr. STENHOLM, Mr. SOUDER, Mr. YOUNG of Alaska, Mr. SHIMKUS, Mr. WOLF, Mr. SAWYER, Mr. SAM JOHNSON, Mr. HUNTER, Mr. ISTOOK, Mr. COX of California, Mr. FILNER, Mr. EWING, Mr. CHRISTENSEN, Mr. REDMOND, Mr. GALLEGLY, Mr. LEWIS of California, Mr. BARR of Georgia, Mr. DREIER, Mr. CRAMER, Mr. TAYLOR of Mississippi, Mr. WELDON of Florida, Mr. MILLER of California, Mr. BERMAN, Mr. CAPPS, Mr. WATKINS, Mr. BRADY, Mrs. LINDA SMITH of Washington, Mr. ROHRBACHER, Mr. COOK, Mr. GUTIERREZ, Mr. PASTOR, Mr. BILBRAY, Mr. LAHOOD, Mr. PITTS, Mr. ORTIZ, Mr. WALSH, Mr. McHUGH, Mr. HOEKSTRA, Mr. BUNNING of Kentucky, Mr. CONDIT, Mr. SMITH of New Jersey, Mrs. CLAYTON, Mr. BROWN of California, Mr. RADANOVICH, Mr. SALMON, Mr. SMITH of Michigan, and Mr. HALL of Ohio):

H.R. 2604. A bill to amend title 11, United States Code, to protect certain charitable contributions, and for other purposes; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

By Mr. SOLOMON:

H.R. 2605. A bill to require the United States to oppose the making of concessional loans by international financial institutions to any entity in the People's Republic of China; to the Committee on Banking and Financial Services.

By Ms. VELAZQUEZ (for herself, Mr. DELLUMS, Mr. FROST, Mr. CONYERS, Mr. NADLER, Mr. SERRANO, Mrs. MCCARTHY of New York, Mr. FILNER, Mr. OWENS, Ms. SLAUGHTER, Mr. TOWNS, Mr. FLAKE, Mrs. MALONEY of New York, Mr. SCHUMER, Mr. BONIOR, Mr. MILLER of California, Mrs. LOWEY, Mr. HINCHEY, Mr. RANGEL, Mr. EVANS, and Mr. ACKERMAN):

H.R. 2606. A bill to amend the Public Health Service Act and the Employee Retirement Income Security Act of 1974 to establish certain requirements for managed care

plans; to the Committee on Commerce, and in addition to the Committee on Education and the Workforce, for a period to be subsequently determined by the Speaker, in each case for consideration of such provisions as fall within the jurisdiction of the committee concerned.

By Mrs. MORELLA (for herself and Mr. LANTOS):

H. Con. Res. 166. Concurrent resolution expressing the sense of the Congress that every effort should be made to assure the complete implementation of, and compliance with, the December 1996 Guatemalan peace accords; to the Committee on International Relations.

¶112.17 MEMORIALS

Under clause 4 of rule XXII:

212. The SPEAKER presented a memorial of the House of Representatives of the Commonwealth of Puerto Rico, relative to a resolution urging President William Jefferson Clinton and the Congress of the United States to support the methodology proposed by the United States Bureau of the Census to conduct the Federal Census of the year 2000; to the Committee on Government Reform and Oversight.

¶112.18 ADDITIONAL SPONSORS

Under clause 4, of rule XXII, sponsors were added to public bills and resolutions as follows:

H.R. 367: Mr. TALENT and Ms. RIVERS.
H.R. 373: Mr. STOKES and Ms. NORTON.
H.R. 872: Mr. BERMAN, Mr. EDWARDS, Ms. HOOLEY of Oregon, Ms. LOFGREN, Mr. BOB SCHAFER, Ms. SLAUGHTER, and Mr. WHITE.
H.R. 1126: Mr. PASTOR.
H.R. 1151: Mr. PACKARD, Mrs. TAUSCHER, and Mr. BLAGOJEVICH.
H.R. 1165: Mr. CLYBURN.
H.R. 1232: Mr. DEFAZIO, Mr. BUNNING of Kentucky, and Mr. KLINK.
H.R. 1371: Mr. TRAFICANT.
H.R. 1500: Mr. MATSUI.
H.R. 1526: Mr. WEYGAND.
H.R. 1534: Mr. SNOWBARGER, Mr. HILLEARY, Mr. DIAZ-BALART, Mr. SHAW, and Mr. BLUMENAUER.
H.R. 1619: Mr. COMBEST.
H.R. 1636: Mr. WEYGAND.
H.R. 1703: Mr. GUTIERREZ, Mr. DOYLE, Mr. FILNER, Mr. SPENCE, Mr. OLVER, Mr. REYES, Mr. SNYDER, Mr. SMITH of New Jersey, and Mr. PASCRELL.
H.R. 2195: Mr. WATKINS and Mr. BONIOR.
H.R. 2206: Mr. EVANS.
H.R. 2221: Mr. WELDON of Florida and Mr. MCINTOSH.
H.R. 2273: Mr. WATT of North Carolina, Mr. TAYLOR of North Carolina, Mr. ENGEL, and Mr. MARTINEZ.
H.R. 2292: Mr. SMITH of Oregon, Mr. TANNER, Mr. BERRY, Mr. BATEMAN, Mr. FRELINGHUYSEN, Mr. MORAN of Kansas, Mr. GIBBONS, and Mrs. MYRICK.
H.R. 2331: Mr. STENHOLM.
H.R. 2459: Mr. SCOTT, Mr. SAWYER, Mr. BLAGOJEVICH, Mr. BARCIA of Michigan, Mrs. CLAYTON, Mr. HALL of Ohio, Mr. MARTINEZ, Mrs. MEEK of Florida, Mr. PALLONE, Mr. PETERSON of Minnesota, Mr. ROEMER, Mr. VENTO, Mr. OWENS, Mr. MILLER of California, Mr. BECERRA, Mr. FATTAH, Mr. JACKSON, Ms. EDDIE BERNICE JOHNSON of Texas, Mr. RAHALL, Mr. REYES, Ms. CHRISTIAN-GREEN, Mr. ANDREWS, Mr. BOUCHER, Mr. FORD, Mr. LUTHER, Mr. McNULTY, Mr. OBERSTAR, Mr. PAYNE, Mr. RANGEL, Mr. STOKES, Mr. MCDERMOTT, Mr. ACKERMAN, Mr. PRICE of North Carolina, Mr. COYNE, Mr. HEFNER, Ms. JACKSON-LEE, and Mr. JOHNSON of Wisconsin.
H.R. 2497: Mr. MCINNIS, Mr. LUCAS of Oklahoma, Mr. CALVERT, Mr. MCINTOSH, Mr. GALLEGLY, Mr. HALL of Texas, Mr. DEAL of Georgia, Mr. WELDON of Pennsylvania, Mr.